



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## Office of Campaign & Political Finance

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Lillian E. Calnan  
Executive Assistant to  
Mr. Williams  
Berkshire Bank and Trust Co.  
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Dear Ms. Calnan:

Thank you for your letter of August 26. You ask who may sign, for the bank, the Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures required to be filed with this office pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 55.

Since Section 19 (e) of Chapter 55 gives to the cashier or treasurer of the bank the legal responsibility to file the required reports on the dates indicated it is preferred that the report contain the signature of that person. The law also however, establishes deadlines for the filing of the report. To accomodate these deadlines, this office would permit the signature of an authorized employee in those instances where the treasurer or cashier is, for sufficient reasons, unavailable to sign the report at the prescribed time for filing.

The employee so authorized should be a person qualified to act for the treasurer or cashier in other similar cases and our office should be notified by letter from the cashier or treasurer of the name of the person so authorized. In any case, however, the responsibility that the report be filed remains with the cashier or treasurer.

With respect to your second question, please be advised that candidates for the State Legislature and candidates for City or Town offices are not subject to the depository system. In addition, Candidates for Federal Office (such as U. S. Congress) are regulated by Federal Law.

I hope this information proves helpful. If I can be of further assistance, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Dennis J. Duffin  
Director